

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Yamauchi, et al.) Group Art Unit Unknown
Int'l Appl. No. : PCT/JP00/03478)
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For : AGENT FOR PREVENTING)
 IDIOPATHIC)
 THROMBOCYTOPENIC)
 PURPURA)
Examiner : Unknown)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S.
National Phase Application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

A1 Prior to the first line of the specification on page 1, please insert - This application is the
U.S. National Phase under 35 U.S.C. §371 of International Application PCT/JP00/03478, filed
May 30, 2000, which claims priority based on JP 11-153383, filed June 1, 1999.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

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3. A method of preventing onset of idiopathic thrombocytopenic purpura (ITP),
comprising administering to a candidate for the prevention a substance inhibiting interaction
between gp39 on a T cell surface and CD40 on an antigen-presenting cell surface in an amount
effective to prevent onset of ITP, said gp39 being a receptor which mediates a contact-dependent
helper-effector function.